

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 - 7 (Canceled):

Claim 8 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): A polynucleotide encoding a peptide ~~described in claim 1~~ according to claim 26.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): An expression vector comprising the polynucleotide ~~described in claim 8~~ according to claim 8.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): A cell comprising the expression vector ~~described in claim 9~~ according to claim 9.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): A process for producing a peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24 ~~described in claim 1~~, which comprises culturing the cell ~~described in claim 10~~ according to claim 10 under the condition where the peptide can be expressed.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): An antibody which specifically binds to a peptide ~~described in claim 1~~ according to claim 26.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a peptide ~~described in claim 1~~ according to claim 26, an expression vector comprising a polynucleotide encoding said peptide ~~described in 9~~ or a cell comprising said expression vector ~~described in claim 10~~, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 14 (Original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 13, which is a therapeutic or preventive agent for cancer.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 13, which is an inducer of helper T cells, ~~and which comprises a peptide described in claim 1; an expression vector described in claim 9 related to a peptide of claim 1; or a cell described in claim 10 related to a peptide of claim 1, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.~~

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 13, which is an enhancer of cancer vaccine efficacy, ~~and which comprises a peptide described in claim 1; an expression vector described in claim 9 related to a peptide of claim 1; or a cell described in claim 10 related to a peptide of claim 1, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.~~

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 13, which is a therapeutic or preventive agent for cancer, ~~and which comprises a peptide described in claim 7; an expression vector described in claim 9 related to a peptide of claim 7; or a cell described in claim 10 related to a peptide of claim 7, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.~~

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): A method of treating or preventing cancer, which comprises administering a peptide ~~described in claim 1~~ according to claim 26, an

expression vector comprising a polynucleotide encoding said peptide described in 9 or a cell comprising said expression vector described in claim 10 to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a peptide ~~described in claim 1~~ according to claim 26 in combination with a cancer antigen peptide.

Claim 21 (Original): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 20, which is used for treating or preventing cancer.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A kit for treating or preventing cancer, which comprises a pharmaceutical composition comprising a peptide of ~~claim 1~~ claim 26 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, and a pharmaceutical composition comprising a cancer antigen peptide in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended) A method of treating or preventing cancer, which comprises administering a peptide of ~~claim 1~~ claim 26 in combination with a cancer antigen peptide to a subject in need thereof.

Claim 25 (Canceled):

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] An isolated peptide comprising~~ consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24.